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The Illinois State Library's mission is to provide state government officials and employees with the information they need to make informed decisions, as well as to develop and promote libraries that enrich the quality of life for the people of Illinois. It fulfills this mission by supporting and implementing library services linking more than 2,500 libraries of all types across the state.

SERVING STATE GOVERNMENT

In its role as the library for state government, the Illinois State library maintains a collection of nearly 5 million items, with an emphasis on federal and state documents. The library is a regional depository for state and federal documents, including:

- Illinois state publications
- Illinois and federal legislation and regulations
- Illinois and federal maps
- Federal government publications
- Patent and trademark information
- Access to computerized information services

ILLINET

The Illinois Library and Information Network (ILLINET) links more than 2,500 publicly and privately supported academic, public, school, and special libraries, enabling them to work cooperatively and share resources. The State Library works with 18 regional library systems to ensure that citizens can obtain needed information.

LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT

Working to improve library services throughout

Illinois, the State Library advises libraries and library systems on program development. The State Library also stimulates local support for library services and works with other organizations and institutions to provide workshops and in-service training programs for librarians and library trustees. Specialized programs to meet the needs of persons who are disabled, including the blind, the disadvantaged and elderly persons, are also provided.

The Library Development Group also coordinates Illinois participation in OCLC, a national database with holdings of thousands of libraries.

The State Library also serves libraries by providing services for rural library development, awarding and monitoring funds for library construction and library services development, and publishing statistics and analyses about library growth and service.

PATENT AND TRADEMARK DEPOSITORY

In its role as a United States Patent and Trademark Depository, the State Library supports Illinois' economic development efforts. The library has access to the Classification and Search Support Information System, the computerized system of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and collects patent information on microfilm and paper. Illinois residents can learn to conduct their own patent searches at the State Library.

ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

The *Illinois Administrative Code* is a compilation of the administrative rules of Illinois state agencies. These rules define and outline procedures for implementing state laws. The *Code* provides the public with the administrative rules which have the force of law. The weekly *Illinois Register* serves as a supplement to the annual *Code* publication. The *Register* includes the complete text of all proposed, emergency, adopted, and peremptory rules along with Executive Orders and Proclamations. All rules of Illinois state agencies are on file and available for review in the Administrative Code Division of the Secretary of State.

LITERACY

An estimated one in five Illinois adults is functionally illiterate. Under the leadership of the State Library, libraries across the state have been involved in the literacy effort. With funds from the Secretary of State's Literacy Program, Illinois libraries are working side-by-side with adult education agencies and community-based organizations to support adult new reader collections, provide tutoring space, and assist with publicity and referrals.

The Illinois literacy effort has been spearheaded by the Illinois Literacy Council, chaired by Secretary of State George Ryan in his capacity as State Librarian.

The State Library Literacy Office serves as a clearinghouse of information and technical support.

The Illinois Adult Learning Hotline, (800) 321-9511, links students and tutors with local literacy programs.

Grants are available to support both workplace and community literacy efforts.

MASTER OF LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE DEGREE

The State Library strives to promote quality service throughout the state; education and training are key factors in the delivery of this service. Each academic year, the State Library offers scholarships of \$7,500 each through its Master of Library and Information Science Degree Program. By awarding scholarships, the State Library encourages college graduates with demonstrated academic achievement, talent, and potential to enter the library profession and to work in Illinois libraries.

BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

The Talking Book Program provides materials and playback equipment for any resident who is unable to read conventional printed matter for a reasonable length of time due to a physical or visual impairment. More than 50,000 books and 80 magazines are available in audio or Braille formats. The Secretary of State, through the State

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Library, funds a network of six subregional service centers coordinated by the Illinois Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped and the State Library. Partial funding is also provided to 10 Radio Information Services. These stations will provide special receivers to the same clientele eligible for the Talking Book Program and read newspapers, magazines, and other timely information over the radio. For further information about these free programs, contact the Regional Library at (800) 331-2351.

READ ILLINOIS

Illinois residents are encouraged to recognize and enjoy the state's rich literary heritage through the writings of Illinois authors. The READ ILLINOIS Program promotes the literature of state by sponsoring conferences, symposiums, publications, and book fairs to further develop literary ideas and programs.

The program's annual Illinois Literary Heritage Conference provides workshops and sessions in fiction, poetry, oral history, education or issues, and trends within literature.

DELIVERY SERVICE

The State Library funds and monitors the Intersystem Library Delivery Service, which delivers interlibrary loan materials statewide. The system provides 24-hour delivery service on six routes, ensuring fast, secure delivery of library material. Complementing the delivery system is the instant transfer of information through a statewide network of telefacsimile machines.

READ ALL ABOUT IT Program

Secretary of State and State Librarian George H. Ryan started a program that encourages all Illinois citizens to read and use their libraries. The program, READ ALL ABOUT IT, also has a Reading Advisory Committee and provides incentive programs for school-age children, preschoolers and their caregivers, adult and family literacy programs, senior citizens and other groups. The Illinois Center for the Book and the Read Illinois Committee also participate in the program. The *Explore Summer* calendar and *Explore Check It Out* magazine for young children are examples of the program's activities.



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ILLINOIS DOCUMENTS

The State Library supports citizens' right to government information through the Illinois Documents Program. State government publications, including maps, are collected, cataloged in ILLINET, and distributed to 29 depository libraries in the state. The State Library also maintains an archival collection of Illinois state government publications. Local libraries use the delivery service to borrow this material for citizens to use in their communities.

FEDERAL DOCUMENTS

Citizens' right to federal government information is supported by the Regional Federal Depository Collection and Services at the State Library. Federal documents are available in the Reference, Periodical, and Map Collections, as well as through the Circulation Department. Additional services support 56 designated depository libraries in the state. Through this network, depository material is available to citizens in their local libraries.

REFERENCE SERVICES

Research services are available for state legislators, state agency personnel, and the citizens of Illinois. The Reference Section primarily supports the information needs of state government, but it also responds to all requests for assistance that can be accommodated by the government-based collection, database searching, or interlibrary loan.

MAPS

The map collection at the State Library includes more than 140,000 state, U.S., and foreign maps, including but not limited to plat books, street and highway, geologic, topographic, and census maps. Maps are circulated, available through interlibrary loan or photocopied if necessary.

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